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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DESIGNING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT TO  
IMPROVE YIELD USING A VARIANT  
DESIGN ELEMENT (AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 16, 2008, (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20080103), for which a response is due on April 16, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.